IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MARC VEASEY, JANE HAMILTON, SERGIO DELEON, FLOYD J. CARRIER, ANNA BURNS, MICHAEL MONTEZ, PENNY POPE, OSCAR ORTIZ, KOBY OZIAS, JOHN MELLOR-CRUMLEY, PEGGY HERMAN, EVELYN BRICKNER, GORDON BENJAMIN, KEN GANDY, LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS (LULAC), AND DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, Plaintiffs, v. RICK PERRY, Governor of Texas; and JOHN STEEN, Texas Secretary of State, Defendants. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiffs,)))))))))) CIVIL ACTION NO.) 2:13-CV-193 (NGR)) [Lead case])))))))
TEXAS LEAGUE OF YOUNG VOTERS EDUCATION FUND AND IMANI CLARK, Plaintiff-Intervenors,)))
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC COUNTY JUDGES AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND HIDALGO COUNTY, Plaintiff-Intervenors, v. STATE OF TEXAS, JOHN STEEN, in his official capacity as Texas Secretary of State; and STEVE McCRAW, in his official capacity))))) CIVIL ACTION NO.) 2:13-CV-263 (NGR)) [Consolidated case])
as Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Defendants. TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE OF NAACP))))

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                       HOUSE
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REPRESENTATIVES,
      Plaintiffs,
                                          CIVIL ACTION NO.
v.
                                          2:13-CV-291 (NGR)
JOHN STEEN, in his official capacity as
                                          [Consolidated case]
Secretary of State of Texas; and STEVE
McCRAW, in his official capacity as Director
of the Texas Department of Public Safety,
      Defendants.
BELINDA ORTIZ, LENARD TAYLOR,
EULALIO MENDEZ JR., LIONEL
ESTRADA; ESTELA GARCIA ESPINOSA,
LYDIA LARA, MARGARITO MARTINEZ
LARA, MAXIMINA MARTINEZ LARA, AND
LA UNION DEL PUEBLO ENTERO, INC.
      Plaintiffs.
                                          CIVIL ACTION NO.
v.
                                          2:13-CV-348 (NGR)
                                          [Consolidated case]
STATE OF TEXAS, JOHN STEEN, in his
official capacity as Texas Secretary of State;
and STEVE McCRAW, in his official capacity
as Director of the Texas Department of Public
Safety,
      Defendants.
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ADVISORY CONCERNING SUBSEQUENT AUTHORITY

Today, a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit heard oral arguments concerning Wisconsin's appeal of the district court's judgment in *Ruthelle Frank, et al. v. Scott Walker, et al.*, Case No. 11-CV-01128 (holding that Wisconsin's voter photo identification law, 2011 Wisconsin Act 23, 2011 Wis. Sess. Laws 104 (codified as amended in various sections of Wis. Stat.

Ch. 5 and 6), violated the Fourteenth Amendment and Section 2 of the Voting

Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973). Later today, the three-judge panel stayed the district

court order enjoining enforcment of Wisconsin Act 23. A copy of the Court of

Appeal's order is attached.

Notably, the order mentions the Supreme Court of Wisconsin's decision

making "it easier for persons who have difficulty affording any fees to obtain the

birth certificate or other documentation needed under the law, or to have the need

for documentation waived." Order, Ruthelle Frank, et al. v. Scott Walker, et al., Nos.

14-2058, 14-2059 (September 12, 2014). Prior to these changes, Wisconsin charged

a fee of \$20 to obtain a birth certificate, Ruthelle Frank, et al. v. Scott Walker, et al.,

Case No. 11-CV-01128, Dk. No 195, at 27, compared to the fee of \$3-12 fee charged

by Indiana at the time that Crawford v. Marion County Election Bd., 128 S. Ct.

1610, 1621 (2008), was decided. As the court is already aware, Texas has already

waived all but \$2-3 of the fee for obtaining a birth certificate, and eliminated the

need for obtaining one for persons who are disabled or over the age of 65.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 12, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

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